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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

The reply filed on 26 August 2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The reply fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.111(c) since the Applicant has failed to clearly point out the patentable novelty the amendments made to the claims he or she thinks the claims present in view of the state of the art disclosed by the references cited or the objections made. The Applicant has also failed to show how the amendments avoid such references or objections.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to George C. Neurauter, Jr. whose telephone number is (571) 272-3918. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 9AM to 5:30PM Eastern.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wiley can be reached on (571) 272-3923. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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